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THE DAILY BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

[UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA ESTABLISHES NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH LABS](#)

Glacier Reporter 11/14/07)

The University of Montana announced recently the establishment of a Native American Research Laboratory dedicated to training Native students in basic sciences.

The laboratory is the first research lab at any university in the nation developed specifically to provide hands-on cross-disciplinary research training opportunities for Native American undergraduate and graduate students.

[PORT AUTHORITY EYES COSTS OF REMODELING GLACIER MOTOR HOTEL](#)

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (11/14/07)

Discussion of the Glacier Motor Hotel, purchased by Tony Sitzmann at the Nov. 1 county auction, was tabled at the Thursday, Nov. 8, meeting of the Glacier County Regional Port Authority.

[MONTANA TRIBAL TOURISM ALLIANCE WORKING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SEVEN LODGES ~ A VISITORS GUIDE TO MONTANA'S INDIAN COUNTRY](#)

Billings, MT (November 7, 2007) – The Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance (MTTA) is working on the development of "Seven Lodges ~ A Visitors Guide to Montana's Indian

Country" in an effort to promote and market Indian-owned tourism businesses on the seven Indian reservations in Montana. The development of the Seven Lodges Visitors Guide is an initial step to develop culturally appropriate tourism in Indian Country in Montana.

To request a Seven Lodges Visitors Guide application, please call Dyani Bingham at 406-208-2389 or email her at dyani_b@hotmail.com.

MTTA would also like to put out a call for high-quality, high-resolution photographs to be used in the Seven Lodges Visitors Guide. Photographs should be in a .jpg format and should exemplify the people, art, beauty, diversity, landscape, celebrations, recreational sites and businesses of Indian Country in Montana.

[ARCHAEOLOGY FINDS AT HISTORIC CROW AGENCY TOPIC AT SOCIETY](#)

With the aid of new technology and hard work archaeologist Steve Aaberg and his colleagues have discovered the long abandoned, and all but forgotten, 1875 Crow Agency site near Absorokee. This is a significant site," Aaberg said. "Even over 100 years of agriculture and development did not wipe it out." Aaberg, who discovered the site as a contractor for the Montana Department of Transportation, will present a free power point program on the new find Thursday

(Nov. 15) at 6:30 p.m. at the Montana Historical Society just east of the Capitol.

SHARING THE HEALTHY WISDOM OF TRADITIONAL LIFESTYLES

By Eat Right Montana (November 2007)

Learning to respect American Indian traditions is a valuable way to improve health and prevent disease in modern times. Traditional approaches to food and physical activity involved children and adults eating and playing together in ways that taught important lessons and provided amusement at the same time. Tribal teachers emphasize that a whole way of living is the path to health and that the healthiest lifestyles combine traditional wisdom with today's technology.

FEDERAL JUDGE DISMISSES CROW VOTER FRAUD SUIT

By MATTHEW BROWN , Associated Press Writer
BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) -- A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit Monday that alleged voter fraud and discrimination by Crow tribal members during Big Horn County's general election last November.

PROJECT INTENDED TO IMPROVE FOREST HEALTH

By VINCE DEVLIN, The Missoulian (11/04/07)

BIG ARM - Smoke coming from Wild Horse Island during the next month or so is not necessarily a bad thing.

Crews from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes will be burning slash piles created by a thinning project that began last spring.

TEACHERS WORK TO GET AMERICAN INDIAN CLASSES INTO SCHOOLS

Like generations of other American schoolchildren, Wendy Warren grew up with a stereotypical perception of American Indians. She learned that the pilgrims shared pumpkin pie with Squanto and others at the first

Thanksgiving, and she remembers her brother dressing like the stereotypical American Indian — tan clothes, war paint, feathered headband — for Halloween.

JOB VACANCIES:

SYSTEM INTERFACE PROGRAMMER, POSITION #61166133, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$45,597 to \$56,996 DOQ. This position provides technical support for state standard application development software. Application deadline: Friday, November 30, 2007 at 5 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement, contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=276

HOME PROGRAM OFFICER (Administrative Specialist), POSITION #: 60055, LOCATION: Helena, DIVISION: Housing, PAY BAND: 6, STATUS: Permanent, Full-time, JOB CODE: 131916, SUPPLEMENT: NO, ANNUAL SALARY: \$33,767-\$42,209. (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees). Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. Applications must be received or postmarked by 5 PM, the closing date of December 3, 2007. The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to docapplicants@mt.gov

ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: Tenure track position to teach elementary social studies methods in a field-based teacher preparation program that serves both undergraduate and graduate students. Teach social foundations courses including one or more of the following: comparative education, sociology of education or multicultural education. Supervise field experiences. Advise/mentor undergraduate and graduate students, including masters and doctoral committees. Provide service to the University, P-12 teachers and professional organizations. Maintain a research agenda. Doctorate (or ABD if completion date is prior to start date) in social studies education, curriculum and instruction or directly-related field required. Successful formal K-8 social studies teaching experience required. Submit application to: Elementary Social Studies Search Committee, Department of Curriculum & Instruction, The University of Montana, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812-6346. The University of Montana is an AA/EOE/ADA/Veterans' Preference Employer.

BUDGET ANALYST, POSITION #61166211, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$39,807 to \$49,759 DOQ. This position provides fiscal and budgetary management services for Print and Mail Services Bureau, State Procurement Bureau, the Vehicle Fueling program and the Procurement Card Program. Application deadline 5:00 p.m. November 19, 2007. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMPR_ID_S EQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=271

Great Falls Clinic (Main Facility)

Lab Manager
Phlebotomist
Transcriptionist
Medical Scheduler

Central Montana Hospital
(2) Circulating RNs
Operating Room RN
Recovery & Pre-Post
Surgical Services Assistant

GFC Surgery Center
Materiel's Management Clerk
(2) Operating Room RN

Clinic Cancer Care – Specialty Bldg.

Sonographer
(2) Certified Nurse Aides
Surgical Coordinator
Social Worker
Radiation Therapist
Audiologist
Ophthalmology Technician
Office Nurse – Pain Management
Specialty Float
Urology

Candidates may access the web site @ www.gfclinic.com for position details and to apply online. EOE. If you have any questions please call any one of the Human Resource representatives: Kathy Vaughan, HR Assistant, kathy.vaughan@gfclinic.com

MANUFACTURED HOME REPLACEMENT PROGRAM SPECIALIST ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST; POSITION #: 60056; LOCATION:

Helena; (Off-site location may be considered); DIVISION: Housing; PAY BAND:6; STATUS: Permanent, Full Time; JOB CODE 131916; SUPPLEMENT: YES; ANNUAL SALARY: \$33,767 - \$42,209. (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees). Continuation of position after June 2009 is contingent upon funding. Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of November 27, 2007. The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to docapplicants@mt.gov.

CONTRACT MANAGER (ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST)

POSITION #: 66468 LOCATION: Helena DIVISION: Housing PAY BAND: 5 STATUS: Full Time, Permanent JOB CODE: 131915 SUPPLEMENT: No; ANNUAL SALARY: \$28,139 - \$35,174. (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees). Position is re-advertised.

Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of November 16, 2007, 5 pm. The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to docapplicants@mt.gov.

AMERICAN INDIAN LIAISON; Position No.: 00578; Division: Human Resource Division Bargaining Unit: NA; Location: Helena; Supplement: Yes; Status: Full time/ Perm.; Shift: 8am to 5pm, M-F; Salary: \$16,659-20,824; Band 6; Benefits: State employees working at least half-time are also provided paid health, dental and life insurance. Other benefits for eligible state employees include a credit union, a deferred compensation program, public employees' retirement program, 15 working days annual leave per year, 12 days sick leave per year, paid holidays, and up to 15 days military leave with full pay. Earned leave benefits may be used for maternity and parental (birth/adoption) leave and for immediate family illness care.

Application Deadline: Applications may be returned to any local Job Service Office or the Department of Corrections by email, fax or hard copy. Human Resources, Room 311, P.O. Box 201301. 1539 11th Ave., Helena, MT 59620-1301 Fax to (406)444- 4551; email to hrcen@mt.gov No later than 5:00 p.m. **November 15, 2007** Application materials are available on the web at www.cor.mt.gov. Try our NEW on-line application process at this link.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of DANCE (Retirement Replacement)

The University of Montana seeks ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of DANCE to teach full range of modern/contemporary dance technique with a somatic-based perspective, composition, choreography, and dance history in BFA and BA programs. Any of following helpful: improvisation, dance and technology, Laban Movement Analysis, hip-hop, world dance forms. Evidence of excellence in teaching. Tenure-track position. Advise students; serve on committees. MFA in dance required. Begin August 20, 2008. Salary \$41,000-\$43,000. Review begins 2/8/08; continues until position is filled. Send letter of application; CV; statement of teaching philosophy; DVD or video depicting work, three letters of recommendation; official transcript for terminal degree. To: Chair, Dance Search Committee, Drama/Dance, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 59812. ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference. Full position description at www.umt.edu/hrs/employment2.html

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: ACTING/DIRECTING (New Position).

The University of Montana seeks an outstanding teacher with significant training and experience in acting and directing to assume a pivotal role within undergraduate and graduate professional training programs in a liberal arts environment. The successful candidate will demonstrate excellence in teaching a full range of acting and directing classes and exhibit an ability to direct various production styles and genres from classical to contemporary, including musical theatre. Specific teaching assignments will include various levels of directing and acting classes within the BA, BFA, MA, and MFA programs, and general education courses. Other responsibilities include student advising and serving on departmental and university committees.

Possible additional responsibilities include providing leadership to the Acting/Directing division and opportunities with the Montana Repertory Theatre. Tenure-track position. MFA in theatre required. Begin August 20, 2008. Salary \$43,000-\$45,000. Review begins 2/8/08; continues until filled. Send letter of application; CV; statement of teaching philosophy; three letters of recommendation, including one from a supervisor; official transcript for terminal degree. To: Chair, Acting/Directing Search Committee, Drama/Dance, University of Montana, Missoula, MT, 59812. ADA/EOE/AA/Veteran's Preference. Full position description at www.umt.edu/hrs/employment2.html

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

The **EISENHOWER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP (GRAD)** provides funding for the pursuit of Master's Degrees or Doctorates in transportation related fields. The program objective is to attract qualified students to the fields of transportation education and research, and advance transportation workforce development. The Program is intended to help upgrade the scope of knowledge of the entire transportation community in the United States and encompasses all modes of transportation. [Click here to view the Full Announcement and Application information](#)

EVENTS/TRAINING:

Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Training Opportunities

Vacancies exist in the E580 Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. For more information, please go to:

www.training.fema.gov/emiweb; or contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-238-3358 ext. 1035, (301) 447-1035 or via email at netc-admissions@dhs.gov.

Fax **completed** applications directly to EMI admissions at 301-447-1658.

If interested, apply immediately!

E580 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

**March 10-13, 2008
September 8-11, 2008**

This course provides tribal leaders and representatives with a basic understanding of emergency management principles and their role in leading and directing their tribes in developing and implementing comprehensive emergency management systems.

Specific topics include:

- Federal, State, tribal, and local partnerships in emergency management;
- Getting a program started;
- Concept of emergency management and the four phases;
- Definition and analysis of hazards;
- Resources for emergency management that are available at the tribal, State, and Federal level, as well as from the private sector;
- Developing an emergency operations plan;
- Comprehensive emergency management, its elements, and the appropriate role taken by the emergency manager; and meeting the challenges for upgrading and sustaining emergency management capabilities.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
GENERAL ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

See Reverse for
Privacy Act Statement

O.M.B. No. 1660-0007
Expires February 28, 2007

SECTION I - GENERAL INFORMATION

1. U.S. Citizen ☐ YES ☐ NO If No, City and Country of Birth: _____

2. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial, Suffix)

3. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.

4. MAILING ADDRESS (Street, avenue, road no./city or town, state, and zip code)

5. WORK PHONE NO. ()

6. HOME PHONE NO. ()

7. FAX NO. ()

8. E-MAIL ADDRESS:

9a. ENTER COURSE CODE AND TITLE: (If you wish to apply for more than one course, please attach a sheet of paper to this application)

9b. COURSE LOCATION

9c. DATES REQUESTED (Please give three choices)

10. COMPLETE THE ITEM BELOW REGARDING THE PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING
INSTITUTION DEGREE/CERTIFICATE DATE EARNED COURSE/FIELD OF STUDY

11. DO YOU HAVE ANY DISABILITIES (Including special allergies or medical disabilities) WHICH WOULD REQUIRE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE DURING YOUR ATTENDANCE IN TRAINING? NO ☐ YES ☐ (If yes, describe & indicate any special assistance required on a separate sheet)

SECTION II - EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION AND AUTHORIZATION

12a. NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION BEING REPRESENTED

12b. NFIRS #
(NFA STUDENTS ONLY)

13. CURRENT POSITION AND NUMBER OF YEARS IN POSITION

14. CHECK THE BOX(ES) BELOW THAT BEST DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANIZATION

14a. JURISDICTION

1. ☐ STATEWIDE

4. ☐ SPECIAL DISTRICT/TOWNSHIP/
TRIBAL NATION

7. ☐ FOREIGN

2. ☐ COUNTY GOVERNMENT

5. ☐ FEDERAL/MILITARY (non-DHS)

8. ☐ DHS/FEMA

3. ☐ CITY/TOWN/VILLAGE

6. ☐ INDUSTRY/BUSINESS

9. ☐ NDER/IMA

14b. ORGANIZATION

1. ☐ ALL CAREER

2. ☐ ALL VOLUNTEER

3. ☐ COMBINATION

15. CURRENT STATUS

1. ☐ PAID FULL TIME

2. ☐ PAID PART TIME

3. ☐ VOLUNTEER

4. ☐ DISASTER RESERVIST

16. Briefly describe your activities/responsibilities as they relate to the course for which you are applying and identify how you will use the information obtained from the course. Attach an organizational chart for the organization being represented, indicate your position. If you need more space, please attach a sheet to this application.

17. CHECK **ONE** BOX IN EACH COLUMN THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR PRESENT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AND TYPE OF EXPERIENCE AS IT RELATES TO THE COURSE FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. ALSO ENTER THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

17a. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY

1. ☐ MANAGEMENT

2. ☐ TRAINING/EDUCATION

3. ☐ SCIENTIFIC/ENGINEERING

4. ☐ INVESTIGATION

5. ☐ FIRE PREVENTION

6. ☐ FIRE SUPPRESSION

7. ☐ PROGRAM/ACTIVITY

8. ☐ HEALTH

9. ☐ PUBLIC WORKS

10. ☐ DISASTER RESPONSE/RECOVERY

11. ☐ EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

12. ☐ HAZARD MITIGATION

13. ☐ EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

14. ☐ OTHER (Specify)

17b. TYPE OF EXPERIENCE

1. ☐ INCIDENT COMMAND

2. ☐ ADMINISTRATION/STAFF SUPPORT

3. ☐ SUPERVISION

4. ☐ BUDGET/PLANNING

5. ☐ PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT/DELIVERY

6. ☐ COORDINATION/LIAISON

7. ☐ PUBLIC EDUCATION

8. ☐ CODE DEVELOPMENT

9. ☐ CODE ENFORCEMENT/INSPECTION

10. ☐ SUPPORT SERVICES

11. ☐ RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

12. ☐ ARSON

13. ☐ LAW ENFORCEMENT

14. ☐ DESIGN AND PLANNING

15. ☐ OTHER (Specify)

17c. NUMBER OF YEARS OF EXPERIENCE _____

17d. SIZE OF DEPARTMENT _____

18. DATE OF BIRTH (Mo. Day, Yr.)

19. SEX

☐ Male

☐ Female

20a. ETHNICITY

1. ☐ HISPANIC or LATINO

2. ☐ NOT HISPANIC or LATINO

20b. RACE (Please check all that apply)

1. ☐ AMERICAN INDIAN or ALASKA NATIVE 2. ☐ ASIAN 3. ☐ BLACK or AFRICAN AMERICAN

4. ☐ WHITE 5. ☐ NATIVE HAWAIIAN or PACIFIC ISLANDER

SECTION III - ENDORSEMENT AND CERTIFICATION

21a. I certify that the information recorded on this application is correct. Falsification of information will result in denial of a course certificate and stipend (18 U.S.C. 1001).

21b. I hereby authorize the release of any and all information concerning my enrollment in this course to the chief officer in charge, or designee, of my organization. All requests for information shall be in writing from said chief officer or designee.

21c. Further, I understand that, National Emergency Training Center (NETC), the Mt. Weather Emergency Operations Center (MWEOC), and the Noble Training Center (NTC) are not authorized to provide medical or health insurance for students. I maintain appropriate insurance on an individual basis.

21d. I agree to abide by the rules, policies, and regulations of NETC, MWEOC and NTC. Failure to do so will result in denial of the student stipend, expulsion from the course, and possible barring from future National Fire Academy (NFA) and Emergency Management Institute (EMI) courses.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
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22. APPROVAL BY THE HEAD OF THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:

"By signing this application, I certify that my organization does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, religious belief, national origin, economic status, or disability in providing educational opportunities for its employees."

22a. SIGNATURE	22b. PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
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23. Additional endorsements for application to the Emergency Management Institute:

23a. SIGNATURE AND DATE (State Office)	23b. SIGNATURE AND DATE (FEMA Regional Office)
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24a. FOR NFA REGIONAL DELIVERY COURSES AND COURSES
DELIVERED AT EMMITSBURG, MD. SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

**NATIONAL EMERGENCY TRAINING CENTER
OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS, BLDG. I-216
16825 SOUTH SETON AVENUE
EMMITSBURG, MD. 21727**

24b. FOR EMI COURSES DELIVERED AT NETC, MWEOC, OR NTC
SUBMIT APPLICATION THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE STATE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR OR FEMA REGIONAL
TRAINING MANAGER TO NETC.

24c. FOR FIELD PROGRAM COURSES, SUBMIT APPLICATION TO
APPROPRIATE SPONSOR.

25. DISPOSITION <input type="checkbox"/> ACCEPTED <input type="checkbox"/> REJECTED	SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER	DATE
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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

NFA and EMI are Equal Opportunity institutions. They do not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, religious belief, national origin, or disability in their admissions and student-related procedures. Both schools make every effort to ensure equitable representation of minorities and women in their student bodies. Qualified minority and women candidates are encouraged to apply for all courses.

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

GENERAL - This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 (Privacy Act of 1974), Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 552a, for individuals applying for admission to NFA or EMI.

AUTHORITY - Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974, as amended, Title 15 U.S.C., Sections 2201 *et. seq.*; Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, Title 42 U.S.C., Sections 5121 *et. seq.*; Title 44 U.S.C., Section 3101; Executive Orders 12127, 12148, and 9397; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

PURPOSES: To determine eligibility for participation in NFA and EMI courses. Information such as age, sex, and ancestral heritage are used for statistical purposes only.

USES: Information may be released to: 1) FEMA staff to analyze application and enrollment patterns for specific courses, and to respond to student inquiries; 2) a physician to provide medical assistance to students who become ill or are injured during courses; 3) Members of the Boards of Visitors for the purpose of evaluating programmatic statistics; 4) sponsoring states, local officials, or state agencies to update/evaluate statistics of NFA and EMI participants; 5) Members of Congress seeking first party information; and 6) Agency training program contractors and computer centers performing administrative functions.

EFFECTS OF NONDISCLOSURE - Personal information is provided on a volunteer basis. Failure to provide information on this form, however, may result in a delay in processing your application and/or certifying completion of the course.

Information Regarding Disclosure of Your Social Security Number Under PL 93-579, Section 7(b) - E.O. 9397 authorizes the collection of the SSN. The SSN is necessary because of the large number of individuals who have identical names and birthdates and whose identities can only be distinguished by the SSN. The SSN is used for record-keeping purposes, i.e., to ensure that your academic record is maintained accurately. Disclosure of the SSN is voluntary. However, if you do not provide your SSN, another number will be substituted, which will delay processing of your application or course certificate.

PAPERWORK BURDEN DISCLOSURE NOTICE

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SEVEN LODGES

A Visitors Guide to Montana's Indian Country

This handbook will relay our story, as members of First Nations tribal groups to national and international tourists, helping them prepare for and have a unique, authentic experience while visiting tribes in Montana.

The **Vision** for Seven Lodges – A Visitor's Guide to Montana's Indian Country includes the following:

- This guide will be a first welcome to Montana's "Indian Country" and will encourage Visitors to communicate directly with tribal and Indian owned businesses;
- This handbook will present our philosophies, traditional treatment of visitors, educate you about services, describes available cultural experiences in Indian country while dispensing racial stereotypes about American Indians;
- This handbook will guide visitors toward culturally appropriate ways to interact with indigenous tribal peoples while visiting Montana to ensure that tourists will enjoy their visits to Indian country in a relaxed atmosphere and leave rejuvenated;
- This handbook will ask the Visitor to patronize Indian owned businesses in order to purchase authentic American Indian made arts, crafts and other hand-made products;
- Who we were historically and who we are today will be accurately portrayed in this handbook through the eyes of our elders, children and tribal members;
- The goal is to have one million tourists per year over the next five years will visit at least one of Montana's American Indian Reservations as the result of information in this handbook;
- The goal is to reach 20 million tourists over the next five years via the website and handbook.

IMPORTANT NOTE

The printed Seven Lodges Visitor's Guide will also be used to build the Seven Lodges Website, which will serve as the on-line version of the Visitor's Guide. The website will be updated on a regular basis, in order to include items that did not make it into the printed Visitor's Guide. Our goal is to make the website user-friendly and will provide a forum for the Visitor to communicate with us.

GUIDELINES

- The focus must be on *authenticity* and *quality*.
- The "Seven Lodges Visitors Guide" must celebrate the cultural diversity of each Montana Indian community and reflect positively on the heritage.
- Craft sites (studios, shops, galleries, museums) must provide a written description of items displayed (through exhibits, written materials, demonstrations, etc.).
- Locations must be easy to access (no 4-wheel drive access areas) and visitor-friendly. If the site is a residence, the entrance must be well marked.
- All sites must specify and maintain regular business hours or be available by appointment. (If the proprietor cannot be there during all specified hours, we recommend finding someone to "business-sit or other creative solutions.)
- All sites must be safe, clean, and tidy. For example, home businesses with pets must be conscientious about visitors' sensitivities; work areas where injury may occur should be made safe for visitors/observers by screening off areas or providing safety goggles, etc. We encourage business owners to carry adequate liability insurance. We also encourage business owners to carry adequate business licenses.
- Historic sites should be American Indian craft, history or culture related.
- In the spirit of our mission, shops and galleries must be American Indian Owned and Operated with American Indian made ART from Montana's American Indians. We want to focus on our handmade products not imports. If there are imports they must be clearly marked.
- We encourage American Indian shops and galleries to join local co-op to ensure authenticity and maintain quality craftsmanship standards.
- No franchise restaurants will be listed.

- Lodgings may be tribally owned hotels; bed and breakfast inns; farm and ranch stays; fishing, hunting, or tipi lodges; rental cabins or inns of historic note.
- Attractions can be natural or can include farms, ranches, hiking trails, parks, gardens, picnic areas or scenic byways.
- Selected events such as craft fairs, demonstrations, educational experiences, cultural events, including music, dance, theater, or entertainment (such as storytelling) will be listed in the book. Such events must take place on an annual or regular basis and must have a proven organizational structure and be a recognized tribal event or activity.

BENEFITS

- All Handbook Contents will also be featured at the **SEVEN LODGES** Website.
- Will help establish a stronger presence for your business and community through quality marketing.
- Will increase exposure to in-state, out-of-state and international markets and visitors.
- Will broaden opportunities for Indian owned business in Montana.

THE GOAL IS TO EMPOWER MONTANA'S AMERICAN INDIANS TO:

- Create and diversify personal revenue through joint partnerships and collective efforts to produce, market and distribute Montana American Indian goods and services.
- Live confidently in sustainable communities across the landscape-growing, making, creating and selling indigenous products and services that reflect American Indians' ingenuity using the vast landscape and resources it provides.
- Celebrate our cultural heritage with residents and visitors participating in the diverse offerings; including museums and art galleries, gift shops and guidebooks, lodging and home/ranch/farm visits, events and experiences, and education about the unique people and places of Montana's Indian Country.
- Fulfill our potential to be who we are, live where we want and maintain a good, sustainable standard of living.
- Steward the landscape (both the built and natural environments), respecting our diverse cultures, and honoring our rich heritage as we forge new futures.

ABOUT MONTANA TRIBAL TOURISM ALLIANCE

- The Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance (MTTA) is a non-profit, inter-tribal tourism organization with the mission to build culturally appropriate tourism in Montana's Indian Country.
- MTTA seeks to build tourism by facilitating opportunities in the following tourism areas: 1) Promotion/Marketing; 2) Tourism Training Workshops and 3) Infrastructure & Product Development
- The Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance is the coordinating agency of the **SEVEN LODGES VISITORS GUIDE & WEBSITE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dyani Bingham, Director
 Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance
 P.O. Box 1224
 Billings, MT 59103
 406-208-2389
 fax: 406-259-8352
 email: dyani_b@hotmail.com



Thank you.

Application Agreement 2007-2008

SEVEN LODGES

A Visitors Guide to Montana's Indian Country

For office use only:

Date: _____

Check/Cash _____

Check # _____

By – Initials _____

You are invited to complete this information sheet to be considered for inclusion in the **SEVEN LODGES HANDBOOK**, which will serve as a Visitor's Guide to Montana's Indian Country. Please read carefully the criteria for inclusion and make sure the business falls within these guidelines before submitting this application. To apply, complete the form below and return it, to **SEVEN LODGES HANDBOOK, c/o Montana Tribal Tourism Alliance, P.O. Box 1224, Billings, MT, 59103**

Upon selection, an MTTA Membership Fee will be required (\$25, \$50 or \$100).

(Please print clearly or type.)

Owner Name: _____

Business Name: _____ Business Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____ Business Phone: _____ Business FAX: _____

E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Text for Guidebook, up to 50 words. Please include information significant to the Native American story. (Please attach brochure if available.): _____

Operating Hours: _____

Directions to MTTA Handbook site: _____

Mile marker reference? :

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Photo provided/needed.

Check appropriate box to indicate Reservation/Community:

- ☐ Blackfeet
- ☐ Crow
- ☐ Ft. Belknap
- ☐ Rocky Boy
- ☐ Northern Cheyenne
- ☐ Ft. Peck
- ☐ Flathead
- ☐ Little Shell
- ☐ Metis

IMPORTANT! Call for high-quality, high resolution .jpg images to be used in the Guidebook. Email images to dyani_b@hotmail.com.

Please turn over to fill out other side of application.

Check all that apply for type of business/attraction/destination:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art Studio | <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Craft Gallery/Gift Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Culinary Arts/Eatery |
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☐ Other: _____

Services Available:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Rest Rooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Care Close By |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paved Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Montana "Improved" (Graveled Road) | |

My work can also be seen at: _____

I hereby verify that to the best of my knowledge the above information is correct, and I provide my written permission for inclusion in the First Edition of the **SEVEN LODGES – A Visitor's Guide to Montana's Indian Country**.

Clause:

By agreeing to this application, I agree to:

- ☐ Participate in hospitality, heritage and tourism training
- ☐ Participate in consumer evaluation surveys

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dyani Bingham, MTTA Director, at dyani_b@hotmail.com or call her at 406-208-2389.

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